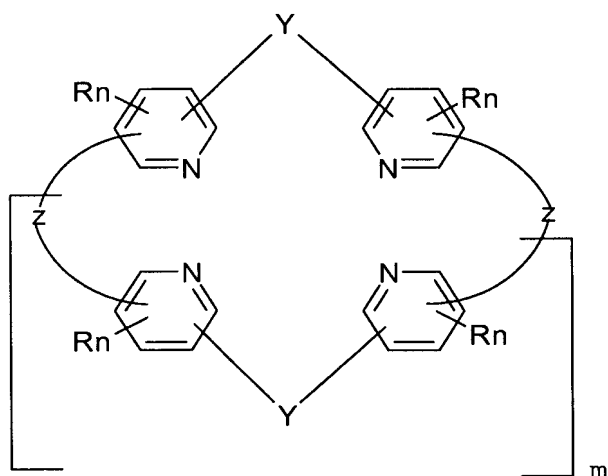


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 2, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 4-23 and insert the following therefor:

The invention thus relates to the use of nitrogeneous polycyclic derivatives for preparing drugs for treating neurodegenerative diseases, said derivatives having formula (I)



wherein

- $m = 1, 2$ or 3

- R_n is anyone of R_1, R_2, R_3 and R_4 , which are identical or different and represent H or represent one or several radicals and are selected in the group comprising $[-]OH$, an alkyl radical, $[-]O$ -alkyl group, $[-]NH_2$, $[-]NH$ -alkyl, $[-]N(R_5, R_6)$, or an halogen selected in the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, the alkyl being in said radical or groups, a C1-C6 alkyl, ~~or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, R_5 and R_6~~ being a C1-C3 alkyl group,

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- forms a phenyl group with both pyridines, optionally ortho-substituted by a substituent $[[R5]]$ R7, or ortho-disubstituted by ~~R5 and R6~~ R7 and R8, said substituents being identical or different, and selected in the group comprising an alkyl radical, $[[-]]$ O-alkyl group, $[[-]]$ NH₂, $[[-]]$ NH-alkyl, $[[-]]$ N(R5, R6), or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, the alkyl being in said radical or groups a C1-C6 alkyl ~~, or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, and R5 and R6 are as~~ above defined

or

Page 3, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 1-10 and insert the following therefor:

- represents a group $-(CH_2)_{m1}-W-(CH_2)_{m2}-$, with m1 and m2 being 0, 1 or 2 $[[,]]$ and W being a group $[[-]]$ CH₂, ~~-CH (R7)~~ CH (R9), O, or N ~~(R8, R9), R7, R8 and R9, identical or different,~~ N (R10), R9 and R10 being a C1-C3 alkyl radical, or H,

- Z is a linking arm of formula $-A-(CH_2)_n-U-(CH_2)_n-A-[[,]]$

- A being O or NH, and
- U being selected in the group comprising $[[-]]$ (CH₂)_{n1} $[[-]]$, ~~-N (R1,R2), -COOH, -OH,~~ CHN (R5,R6), CHCOOH, CHOH

with n being a number from $[[2]]$ 1 to 6, preferably from 2 to 4, and n1 being 0 or

1,